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Project Status Report

Let's look at progress reports this week:

Accela GIS. AGIS is moving along with the input from Missy, Rita, Mark, and Tan. We are determining which layers of GIS data will be used within each area's map template area, and what data fields are necessary from GIS to be available inside of the application. We also have met this last week to review the need for address verification against temporary and water irrigation permits. These have temporary addresses assigned. Rita has done an excellent job of coming up with a solution that works for both. We are hoping to hear from Accela staff soon in regards to this. *Jeff McReynolds, GIS Program Manager*

Health Department. Health Department staff have been working on a variety of items this week. Mark Kenne spent most of this week working on data mapping for the conversion while Brent Pavel continues to focus on scripting and general layout and functionality of the ASI (Application Specific Information) of many of our record types. Jim Bare, Justin Daniel, Jim Newman, and Kathy King have been diligently setting up test cases in several record types. These cases are needed in preparation for batch renewal script testing of four scripts developed by Accela's Matt Hart. While doing so, staff have been providing useful feedback on items that need attention, keeping Brent's to-do list from shrinking. We also are trying to keep up with the work of Darren Koontz. He has been working on report specifications for items such as system-generated renewal applications and well-testing result letters and has already provided four of these document specifications, which are awaiting our review and acceptance. *Mark Kenne, Environmental Health Supervisor*

Planning Department. Automation - As has been the case for the last couple weeks, we continue to work on data mapping the application-specific information fields in preparation for the first pass data conversion. Additionally, we are testing the scripts that Accela built and working on those that we will be building in-house.

ProjectDox – We are in the process of upgrading ProjectDox to take advantage of some improvements available to us and our community of ProjectDox users. This requires a system upgrade. One of the major improvements is that you will be able to choose which browser you want to use for ProjectDox. You will no longer be limited to using only Internet Explorer.

While the tools and interface may look a little different, the steps of the process to complete a review or upload an application will be the same. As we work to implement the upgrade, we invite you to look through the new ProjectDox Viewer Tool Tips at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/eplan/index.htm> to familiarize yourself with the new look and feel. Once the upgrade is complete, users will be able to log into the system, install the new interface and begin using the browser of your choice to work on your ProjectDox tasks. *Missy Minner, GIS Analyst, Planning Department*

ProjectDox Upgrade Underway. The Planning Department, currently the heavy user of ProjectDox, had the opportunity to upgrade the software from Version 7.5 to 8.0. This requires the migration over four newer versions to reach 8.0. The ProjectDox vendor, Avolve, indicated the total upgrade may take four days to migrate through all the versions. The successful upgrade to 7.5 coding started Thursday evening. Avolve now is in the process of migrating the database to Version 7.5. Avolve stated: “There still is much to do; however, we should not need to work on the weekend if progress continues today. If we don’t have hiccups, we’ll start fresh on Monday.” The upgrade is scheduled to be completed by May 23rd. *Jerris Nider, System Specialist, Building and Safety*

Public Works and Utilities. I’ve been working all this week on mapping fields for the data conversion. The mapping provides the assurance that information from one database, (i.e. Field A) converts correctly to the new database (i.e. Field B). I’ve also been working on scripting which helps automate the processes in the new Accela upgrade. *Tan Pham, GIS, Senior Engineering and Information Systems*

Building and Safety. I have been working on data conversion for the new system. This involves matching up all the historical data with the fields in the new system. We have to be sure all the data matches and we have a placeholder for all of the data. This is a time-consuming process because we have to go through each version change for each of the record types. What this means for Building & Safety is that there are approximately 675 record type versions that have to be researched to make sure we have everything moved across to the new system.

I also have reviewed the documentation that Accela has available on SharePoint for the scripts they are writing for us. Once these are approved, we can start testing those and work on the remainder of the scripts left for us to write so we have things as automated as possible.

This week I also distributed a spreadsheet to each B&S section for chiefs to let me know what information they would like displayed, applied for, or issued online through Accela Citizen Access. Once I have all of these back, I will get this information to Accela so we can begin working on Accela Citizen Access as the next step in the process. *Rita Cox, System Specialist, Building & Safety*

iPad Consideration. Building and Safety chiefs have been reviewing a webinar outlining the capabilities of iPads for inspection instead of the costly ToughBook laptops. The new Accela software will run on iPads; however, we want to be sure any technology decision is the right one for the department. The chiefs will be attending a live webinar as soon as we can get it scheduled with Accela. This will give us the opportunity to review the capability thoroughly and to ask questions we’ll have about the new platform.

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